GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:661
ANSWERED ON:13.05.2002
AMENDMENT IN INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES AND CONTRACT LABOUR ACTS
ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY;RAGHURAJ SINGH SHAKYA

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the move to amend the industrial disputes and Contract Labour Acts has been strongly criticised by various Trade Unions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have consulted the TUs before making any amendments in the Labour laws;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof and the details of the further strategy formulated to reconsider the amendments in consultation with the TUs?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.661 BY S/SHRI RAGHURAJ SINGH SHAKYA AND ADHIR CHOWDHURY REGARDING AMENDMENT IN INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES AND CONTRACT LABOUR ACTS DUE ANSWER ON 13.05.2002.

(a) (b): Central Trade Union Organisations have observed 14th March, 2002 as National Pretest Day. The Central Trade Union Organisations, affiliated to AITUC, BMS, CITU, HMS, UTUC(LS), UTUC, TUCC jointly annouonced their resolve to observe strike on 16th April, 2002 in the Centrla Public Sector Undertakings, Financial Institutions including banks, insurance, ports and docks on the Government`s proposals for labour reform.

(c) to (e): Amendments in labour laws is a continuos process and involves consultation with the tripartite partners and takes time. The amendment proposals in Industrial Disputes Act have been discussed from time to time in various platforms. To examine the new Industrial Relations Law, a Tripartite Comittee was constituted under the chairmanship of Late Shri G. Ramanujam, the then Presidnet of INTUC and subsequently a Bipartite Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Shanti Patel, President of HMS, was constituted for examination. These Committees had representatives from Central Trade Union Organisations. The question of enacting a new Industrial Relations Law was also discussed in the 31st Session of the Standing Labour Committee held in July, 1992 and also in the 33rd Session of Indian Labour Conference in October, 1996.

The views of the representatives of the Central Trade Union Organisations such as BMS, INTUC, NFITU, CITU, HMS, AITUC, UTUC(LS), UTUC etc. on the amendment needed to the Contrat Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970 was elicited in a meeting held with them on 04.09.2000.

Government is fully aware of the views of tghe Central Trade Union organizations in regard to the amendments and these have been duly considered.